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Application of: Broome *et al.*

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Examiner: Kevin Truong

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METHOD

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PETITION TO WITHDRAW FROM ISSUE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(a)

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Sir:

Applicant hereby requests that the above-identified application be withdrawn from issuance before payment of the issue fee, which is due October 10, 2003.

After receipt of a notice of allowance for the captioned application, Applicant discovered that several documents that had been filed ("submissions") were not entered into the file. Specifically, six submissions, including an associate power of attorney to the undersigned, were filed by the undersigned attorney. These submissions made substantive changes to the claims but were not entered into the application file. Accordingly, Applicant petitions, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(a), that this application be withdrawn from issue before payment of the issue fee in order to have these submissions entered, accorded their proper dates of filing and considered by the Examiner.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee of \$130.00 as set forth in § 1.17(h) and any additional fee required, or credit any overpayment, for this petition to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

Respectfully submitted,

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